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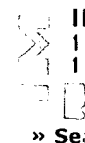
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## The partnership between OEM supplier and system manufacturer-an example for Total Quality Manage

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### Abstract:

Today's telecommunication systems contain a large proportion of products from **suppliers**, i.e. OEM products. These products exert a major influence on the reliability of the systems and, consequently, on the telecommunication network assurance that these products can be supplied with uniformly high **quality** throughout the entire life cycle of the system has thus become an important task within total **quality** management (TQM). The introduction of OEM products in the system of the Public Switching Division of Siemens AG follows a phase plan similar to the development process plan. It comprises the stages evaluation/**selection, qualification** and integration, including functional and environmental tests, as well as integration into the system and acceptance tests. Existing certifications, such as ISO 9001/9002, as well as tests and field trials of the **OEM supplier** are taken into account. Quick and successful introduction of OEM products depends, to a large extent, on the **OEM supplier's** willingness to cooperate and on a mutual understanding of the importance of TQM.

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